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MINNESOTA'S AUGUST OUTPUT UP SLIGHTLY

August 2004 milk production totaled 670 million pounds in Minnesota, up less than half of 1 percent from the 667 million pounds produced in August 2003, according to the Minnesota Agricultural Statistics Service. Revised July milk output was 679 million pounds.

Minnesota production per cow averaged 1,440 pounds in August 2004, up 20 pounds from last August. The revised July rate was 1,460 pounds per cow. The average number of milk cows on farms in Minnesota during August 2004 was 465,000 head, the same as July, but 5,000 below a year ago.

Accumulated Minnesota milk production for the first 8 months of 2004 was 5.49 billion pounds, down 2 percent from the same period a year ago.

AUGUST MILK PRODUCTION UP 1 PERCENT IN MAJOR STATES

Milk production during August 2004 totaled 12.39 billion pounds, up 1 percent from August 2003 in the 20 major states. Revised July production for the 20 states was 12.54 billion pounds. Production per cow in the 20 states averaged 1,595 pounds during August 2004, up 24 pounds from August 2003. Revised July output per cow was 1,616 pounds. The number of milk cows in the 20 major states during August averaged 7.77 million head, down 5,000 from a year ago.

Accumulated milk production in the 20 major states for the first 8 months of 2004 was 100.01 billion pounds, down less than half of 1 percent from the same period a year ago.

MILK PRODUCTION, MAJOR STATES

State	MILK COWS			RATE PER COW			MILK PRODUCTION			
	Aug 2003	July 2004 Rev.	Aug 2004	Aug 2003	July 2004 Rev.	Aug 2004	Aug 2003	July 2004 Rev.	Aug 2004	2004 as % of 2003
	<u>Thousand Head</u>			<u>Pounds</u>			<u>Million Pounds</u>			<u>Percent</u>
CA	1,693	1,729	1,733	1,755	1,780	1,775	2,971	3,078	3,076	104
ID	411	427	431	1,860	1,860	1,860	764	794	802	105
MN	470	465	465	1,420	1,460	1,440	667	679	670	100
NY	671	656	654	1,475	1,520	1,500	990	997	981	99
PA	571	559	560	1,480	1,510	1,475	845	844	826	98
WI	1,254	1,240	1,240	1,495	1,505	1,495	1,875	1,866	1,854	99
20 States	7,771	7,759	7,766	1,571	1,616	1,595	12,207	12,541	12,387	101